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TITLE OF INVENTION: SECURITY MODULE WITH VOLATILE MEMORY FOR STORING AN ALGORITHM CODE

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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	Zachary A. Davis	2437	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the amendment received 09 July 2009*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-4,6,7 and 9-17*.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

/Zachary A Davis/
Examiner, Art Unit 2437

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   A reply to the notice of non-responsive amendment was received on 09 July

2009. By this reply, Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, and 13-17 have been amended. Claims 5

and 8 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-

17 are currently pending in the present application.

2.   The Examiner notes that Applicant has clarified that the "parallel Japanese

patent application" referred to in the present response (page 11) refers to Japanese

application no. JP 2004519050.

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Examiner's Amendment

3.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

        Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Laura Brutman on 20 November 2009.

4.   The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 31, with the following

amended paragraph:

--   In accordance with a second object of the invention, there is provided a terminal

for use with a security module, comprising: a data interface adapted to be coupled to

the security module, for transmitting at least part of an algorithm code or the complete

algorithm code from the terminal to a volatile memory of the security module and for

receiving the algorithm code result from the security module, with the algorithm code

concerning a processing of secrets; and a power interface for delivering power to the

security module, with the volatile memory being supplied by the power, such that the

same will be cleared upon an interruption of the receipt of the power from the terminal.

The terminal is designated to send at least the part of the algorithm code or the

complete algorithm code to the volatile memory of the security module, for each

communication operation between the terminal and the security module. During the

same communication operation, the terminal also receives[[.]] the algorithm code result

from the security module.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **REPLACE** Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13-15, and 17 with the following amended

claims.

> **Deleted:** the claims with the following listing of claims.

1.   A security module for use with a terminal, comprising:

a data interface adapted to be coupled to a terminal, configured to receive a first

part of an algorithm code from the terminal, with the algorithm code concerning a

cryptographic processing of secrets data,

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a power interface configured to receive power from the terminal;

a volatile memory configured to store the first part of the algorithm code received

via the data interface, said volatile memory being coupled to the power interface in

order to have power supplied thereto such that said volatile memory will be cleared

upon an interruption of the receipt of the power from the terminal; [[and]]

a non-volatile memory in which a second part of the algorithm code, which is a

non-received remainder of the algorithm code, is stored, wherein the first and second

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parts of the algorithm code form the complete algorithm code; and

a processor configured to perform the algorithm code in order to obtain an

algorithm code result that can be delivered to the terminal,

wherein the first part of the algorithm code consists of includes memory

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addresses of computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[[,]]

and/or jump addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the

second part of the algorithm code.

4.   A security module according to claim 1,

         wherein the data interface is arranged to receive from the terminal the first part of

the algorithm code in encrypted form and with a certificate, with the security module

further comprising:

         a means for decrypting the first part of the encrypted algorithm code and the

complete algorithm code; and

         a means for examining the certificate and for preventing performing of the

algorithm code depending on the examination of said certificate.

6.   A security module according to claim 1, further comprising:

         a means for monitoring a predetermined security condition and for clearing the

volatile memory if said predetermined security condition is fulfilled, with said security

condition being selected from the group consisting of an interruption of a supply voltage,

a fluctuation of the supply voltage and an interruption of a system clock.

9.   A security module according to claim 1, wherein the data interface is adapted to

receive the first part of the algorithm code several multiple times in different versions,

with the volatile memory being arranged for being overwritten by the different versions

of the first part of the algorithm code at the several multiple times.

11.   A process for ~~computing an algorithm code result~~ cryptographically processing data using a security module, comprising:

        receiving a first part of an algorithm code by means of an interface to a terminal, with the algorithm code concerning a ~~cryptographically~~ cryptographic processing of data;

        storing the first part of the algorithm code in a volatile memory of the security module, with the volatile memory being coupled to the interface, to be supplied with power, such that the volatile memory will be cleared upon an interruption of the receipt of the power from the terminal, wherein a second part of the algorithm code is a ~~non-~~received remainder of the algorithm code and is stored in a non-volatile memory of the security module;

        performing said algorithm code on the security module in order to obtain cryptographically processed data; and

        delivering said cryptographically processed data to the terminal,

        wherein the first part of the algorithm code ~~consists of~~ includes memory addresses of computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[.]] and/or jump addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the remainder of the algorithm code.

13.   A terminal for use with a security module having a volatile memory being able to be supplied by power from the terminal, such that the volatile memory will be cleared

upon an interruption of a supply of the power, and having a non-volatile memory in

which a second part of an algorithm code is stored, comprising:

a data interface adapted to be coupled to the security module, for transmitting a

first part of the algorithm code from the terminal to the volatile memory of the security

module and for receiving cryptographically processed data from the security module,

with the algorithm code concerning a cryptographic processing of ~~secrets~~ data, wherein

the second part is a remainder of the algorithm code; and

a power interface adapted to deliver power to the security module, with the

volatile memory being supplied by the power, such that the volatile memory will be

cleared upon an interruption of the receipt of the power from the terminal,

for each communication operation between the terminal and the security module,

the data interface controlled to: send the first part of the algorithm code to the volatile

memory of the security module and then to receive the cryptographically processed

data from the security module,

wherein the first part of the algorithm code ~~consists of~~ includes memory

addresses of computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[[,]]

and/or jump addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the

remainder of the algorithm code.

14.   A process for controlling a security module using a terminal in order to obtain

cryptographically processed data from the security module, the process comprising, for

each one of a plurality of communication operations between the terminal and the

security module:

   delivering power from the terminal to the security module;

   transmitting a first part of an algorithm code from the terminal to a volatile

memory of the security module, with the algorithm code concerning a cryptographic

processing of data, with the volatile memory being supplied by the power, such that the

volatile memory will be cleared upon an interruption of the receipt of the power from the

terminal, and with the security module having a non-volatile memory in which a second

part of the algorithm code, which is a ~~non-transmitted~~ remainder of the algorithm code,

is stored; and

   receiving the cryptographically processed data from the security module.

   wherein the first part of the algorithm code ~~consists of~~ includes memory

addresses of computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[[.]]

and/or jump addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the

remainder of the algorithm code.

15. A process for communication between a security module and a terminal,

comprising:

   transferring a first part of an algorithm code from the terminal to the security

module, with the algorithm code concerning a cryptographic processing of data;

   storing the first part of the algorithm code in a volatile memory of the security

module, with the volatile memory being supplied by power from the terminal, such that

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the volatile memory will be cleared upon interruption of the receipt of the power from the

terminal, and with the security module having a non-volatile memory in which a second

part of the algorithm code, which is a non-received remainder of the algorithm code, is

stored;

~~~~~~~~~~performing said algorithm code on the security module in order to obtain

cryptographically processed data;

~~~~~~~~~~delivering said cryptographically processed data to the terminal; and

~~~~~~~~~~clearing said volatile memory upon an interruption of the receipt of the power

from the terminal,

~~~~~~~~~~wherein the first part of the algorithm code consists of includes memory

addresses of computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[,]]

and/or jump addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the

remainder of the algorithm code.

17.~~~~~A security module for use with a terminal, comprising:

~~~~~~~~~~a data interface adapted to be coupled to a terminal, for receiving a first part of

an algorithm code from the terminal, with the algorithm code concerning a cryptographic

processing of data;

~~~~~~~~~~a power interface configured to receive power from the terminal;

~~~~~~~~~~a volatile memory configured to store the first part of the algorithm code received

via the data interface, said volatile memory being coupled to said power interface in

order to have power supplied thereto such that the volatile memory will be cleared upon

an interruption of the receipt of the power from the terminal;

_____ a non-volatile memory in which a ~~remainder~~ second part of the algorithm code

which, along with the received first part of the algorithm code, forms [[a]] the complete

algorithm code, is stored; and

_____ a processor configured to perform the algorithm code in order to obtain

cryptographically processed data that can be delivered to the terminal,

_____ wherein the first part of the algorithm code includes memory addresses of

computing components necessary for performing the algorithm code[[,]] and/or jump

addresses of the algorithm code pointing to partial routines within the ~~remainder~~ second

part of the algorithm code.

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Allowable Subject Matter

5.   Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-17 are allowed.

6.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a security module (e.g. smart card) including data and power interfaces coupled to a terminal, volatile and non-volatile memories, and a processor, where the volatile memory stores a first part of an algorithm code received by the data interface and is cleared when power from the power interface is interrupted, the non-volatile memory stores the remainder of the algorithm code (previously stored in the security module), the processor performs the algorithm code in order to obtain a result to be delivered to the terminal, and the first part of the algorithm code includes addresses of computing components for the code or jump addresses for partial routines within the remainder of the code. Independent Claim 11 is directed to a method corresponding to the functionality of the module of Claim 1. Independent Claim 13 is directed to the corresponding terminal, and independent Claim 14 is directed to a method corresponding to the functionality of the terminal of Claim 13. Claim 15 is directed to a method of communication between a security module and terminal encompassing the steps (or corresponding functions) recited in method Claims 11 and 14 (or corresponding Claims 1 and 13). Independent Claim 17 is directed to a security module reciting limitations similar to those of Claim 1.

The closest prior art, Schneier and Obana, disclose, for example, a security module including data and power interfaces; volatile memory storing received algorithm

code that is cleared when the power supply is interrupted, where power is supplied

externally; non-volatile memory for storing code; and a processor that performs the

algorithm code. Schneier and Obana further disclose a corresponding terminal and

corresponding methods for their use. However, the cited prior art, alone or in

combination, does not teach or suggest that the received first part of the algorithm code

includes addresses for computing components for the algorithm code or jump

addresses to partial routines within the remainder of the code, in combination with the

other claimed limitations, as recited in each of the independent claims. Therefore, the

claims are allowable over the cited prior art.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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3870. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 8:30-6:00, alternate

Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone

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